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Just 978 horn-blowers

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Average Bengalean will live 3.21 years more if air pollution levels are brought down considerably to WHO standard, study says

SMOG & MIRRORS

PM2.5 level at 37.78 µg/m³ in city; WHO prescribes 5 µg/m³

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If we can bring down the level of fine particulate matter (PM2.5) in the air to standards prescribed by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the average life expectancy of Bengaleans will improve by 3.21 years, a report published by the Energy Policy Institute of the University of Chicago said.

As per the report, the current PM2.5 level in Bengaluru is 37.78 µg/m³. The WHO prescribed standard is 5 µg/m³.

Sources of PM2.5 include vehicular emissions alongside burning of wood, oil or coal and natural sources such as forest and grass fires. PM2.5 is also produced by tobacco smoke, burning candles or oil lamps and fireplaces.

According to health experts, a higher concentration of fine particles in the air leads to chronic lung diseases — the situation has been worsening for people with underlying lung ailments such as asthma and interstitial lung disease (ILD).

"High pollution levels are linked to health conditions. While the number of cases with breathing

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"If all departments concerned coordinate and work to improve air pollution, we can bring the situation under control"

— Dr Pratima Singh, scientist, CSTEP

Unrest in peace

Miscreants break into unguarded burial ground left in a poor condition by civic body



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It seems nothing is safe in Bengaluru. Miscreants do not even leave the dead alone in this city: they can even break into a burial ground here.

A 3-ft opening at the Kalpalli Burial Ground compound wall indicates Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) authorities' negligence to guard and protect its own property.

The civic body spent lakhs of rupees to construct a 6-ft high compound wall and installed an iron grill on it five years ago to prevent miscreants and anti-social elements from entering and misusing the burial ground. However, a few miscreants broke the compound wall to make a 3-ft opening to facilitate entry into the burial ground without any hassles.

According to grave diggers, the opening into the compound wall was made more than a year ago — the BBMP engineer visited the spot but did nothing till date, they said. "I have informed my seniors about the damage done to the compound wall by miscreants," said Rathan, engineer in-charge of the Kalpalli Burial Ground.

He said that he did not lodge a complaint with the police against the miscreants for breaking the compound wall.

Inside, the burial ground looks like a mini forest with a lot of undergrowth. The miscreants who enter the burial ground can carry out their activities without any fear.

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3 THINGS TO DO



01 Art, with love

'Remembering with Love' is a 3-hour Expressive Art Immersion where you get to go on a journey of storytelling, dancing, drawing, painting, creating art and much more! In this session you will be guided and encouraged to use the magic of your childlike imagination to create art, to play, to express yourself and to softly transmute the emotional strains/burdens of our day to day lives. No mind only heart! **Where:** Bangalore Creative Circus, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb **When:** July 16, 11:00 am to 2:00 pm **Registration:** <https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus>



02 Epic tales

Few stories in the world are as intriguing as the Mahabharata, with its numerous plots and sub-plots and characters having strengths and flaws in equal measure. 'Stories from the Mahabharata' is an endeavour by Aparna Jaishankar to recreate an interest in this epic. **Where:** Lahe Lahe; **When:** July 16, 5-6 pm; **Tickets:** 9886294444

03 Quiz time

Quiz Mania at Urban Solace is a brand-new experience designed to stimulate the minds of citizens in a fun and unique manner. The quiz master is Darshan, a Bengalee who put the city on the nation's quiz map after being a finalist in Kaun Banega Crorepati in 2001. He started several quiz clubs and conducted several quiz competitions in leading schools and colleges in the city building a culture for quizzing with our youth. **Where:** Urban Solace, Annaswamy Mudaliar Road **When:** July 17, 7-9 pm **Contact:** 9845013055, 9945022177



CUET, Day 1: Of jitters, date changes & more

Students complain they have to sit for multiple papers in one day; others say their prep time is inadequate with other competitive exams in pipeline

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The Common University Entrance Test (CUET) for undergraduate college admissions may have begun in full flow across the country on Friday, but students appearing for the exam continue to stress over the tight schedules and inadequate preparation time.

Vaishali B, an 18-year-old student told Bangalore Mirror, "We had to choose six subjects for the test which will be conducted in two phases. On Day 1, the English and General Ability test is compulsory for all. I have four subjects on the first day itself; some students even have six. We have no time to prepare for all the subjects together."

Many students have been facing a clash in their exam schedules. Students who chose subjects from both science and commerce streams are facing these issues. Some have all six subjects on the same day; for a few, the centres are also different for the same day, she added.

On March 28, this year, the University Grants Commission (UGC) made it mandatory for all the 45 central universities to admit students to undergraduate programmes from 2022-23 based on scores obtained in the CUET conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). This is the first time the exam will be conducted on such a large scale.



Students head to an exam centre of an engineering college in Bengaluru on the first day of the CUET

"Ours is the first batch so we have no idea how the assessment goes for CUET and that is causing anxiety among students. We were also informed about this really late in the academic year and we did not get enough time to prepare. Right after that, we have our board examinations and then other entrance tests also," she said.

As BM reported earlier, students have also been fretting over the dates of NEET-UG and CUET dates clashing. NEET-UG examination is scheduled for July 17. However, NTA recently

came up with a solution for the same, according to which, students who have registered for both CUET and NEET will be shifted to the second batch of CUET, which is in August.

Harsha P, another student who will be appearing for the exam, said, "I don't know how the schedule has been created. In some cases, students have exams in different cities on the same day which is ridiculous. The schedule was also released four days before the first exam date and the students did not even get time to raise complaints."

Some have six exams in one day; others have been allotted different centres in one day - Vaishali B, a student

On the first day of CUET 2022, there have been many reports from across the country about students missing the exam due to last-minute changes in the exam centres.

"I saw these reports and it made me anxious. Although my exams are in August so I still have some time if the last-minute changes occur in exam location or dates, it will be very difficult," Harsha added.

Though most students say that a common entrance test for central universities such as Delhi University is fair, others do not share the same opinion.

"I know that universities like DU had very high cut-offs which made it tough for students to get in. Now at least the college of my choice would not depend on how I performed in board exams. But I feel a common test will make admission even more difficult than in NEET. Students from other boards than CBSE and students for state boards who do not read NCERT books will also be at a loss," said Akansha Bohra, another student.

Students and parents across India have also been asking the authorities to postpone the exam due to floods occurring in various regions of India.

Bengalureans, be e-waste aware

Special campaign to promote responsible disposal of e-waste being organised by Bangalore Mirror and Vijay Karnataka

In a bid to spread awareness about e-waste and promote safe disposal, Bangalore Mirror and its sister company Vijay Karnataka are launching a special campaign on safe disposal of e-waste in the city.

This campaign is being organised on July 16 in partnership with BBMP, BMRCL, KSPCB, Changer Makers of Kanakapura Road, Sogo Synergy E-Waste Management, and Recycling Services, and other residents' welfare organisations. As a part of this campaign, residents will be encouraged to collect e-waste for disposal scientifically.

An awareness rally will be held from

Mark your date

What: Awareness rally from Yelachenahalli Metro Station to BRS Grandeur

When: July 16, 9 am

What: Bike rally from Vajarahalli Metro Station to BRS Grandeur

When: July 16, 10.30 am

Inauguration: BRS Grandeur Convention Hall, Vajarahalli, Kanakapura road

Yelachenahalli Metro Station to BRS Grandeur, followed by a bike rally from Vajarahalli Metro station to BRS Grandeur.

The e-waste campaign will be inaugurated by the Minister of Co-Operation ST Somashekar at BRS Grandeur. MLA of Bengaluru South M Krishnappa is presiding over the function. Bengaluru Rural MP DK Suresh and Bommanahalli MLA Satish Reddy will be the chief guests. BBMP Chief Commissioner



Tushar Giri Nath, BMRC Managing Director Anjum Parwez, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board President Dr Shanth A Thimmaiah, while Bamul ex-President RK Ramesh will be present at the event.

The bins will be placed for collecting e-waste in the apartments in Kanakapura Road, Konanakunte Metro Station, and BBMP PHC compounds.

— **Prakash VL**

A quiet place? 978 horn-blowers in city

Strange but true: Traffic cops have penalised just 978 motorists for needless honking in 6 months, collected ₹4.9L in fines till June this year

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Not even a 1,000 motorists have been penalised by the city traffic police for needless and shrill honking in a span of six months. According to information provided by the department, police could crack down on only 978 cases of shrill honking. They collected fines amounting to Rs 4.9 lakh between January 1 and June 30 this year.

Most cases were registered from Yeshwantpura (74), followed by Rajajinagar (55), KG Halli (53), Kamakshipalya (52), and Pulikeshinagar (52).

This information was revealed in response to an RTI filed by Raja Kannan, a resident of Begur Kopa Road in Hulimavu.

"I shifted to this area a year ago and could notice the shrill honking even during the night hours. A lot of construction activities are happening in the area and there are a few industries too. So, a lot of tipper trucks and heavy vehicles ply on this road. Unfortunately, all the balconies of our apartment complex face this stretch. The decibel level of the horns has been very high. Even if I close my window, the sharp noise penetrates through, causing discomfort. I filed the RTI to understand if the vehicles are being penalised," said Kannan.

According to the anti-honking activists, the number of people penalised for the offense is too small given the number of vehicles honking on the streets at any point in time.

"This number shows that the police are not serious about catching hold of the offenders. This cannot even be called the tip of the iceberg. Honking is a serious malady that has spread like a pandemic. It is high time we implement the rules strictly and penalize the offenders,"



Traffic police officials say that they are penalising offenders only in and around 'no honking' zones

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— Raja Kannan, resident

said Rajkumar Dugar, Founder of C4C.

The transport department restricted the use of shrill horns or air horns a few years back. The Indian Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 also bars alteration in motor vehicles with those originally specified by the manufacturer and prescribes that the violators be punished. It also says that needless honking should be punished with a fine of Rs 1,000, and for a second or subsequent offense, with a fine of Rs 2,000.

Activists say, in absence of a major crackdown and stricter penalty, the shrill horns are being used by many vehicles, including heavy vehicles such as lorries and trucks plying on the city roads. A sustained effort and heavy penalty in place are required to do away with this menace. Currently, city traffic police collect a fine of Rs 500 from offenders.

"While shrill horns are illegal, some traffic police officials also are unaware of this rule. This is despite many court orders, including by NGT, about the harmful effects of shrill

honking. Officials wake up one day, conduct the drive, and then forget about it," said Kannan.

Majority of the noise pollution monitoring stations installed across the city have been recording noise levels higher than permissible limits.

A quick scan of the recent noise level measures by continuous noise monitoring stations by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) shows that the noise levels breached the limits not just in commercial areas, but even in residential areas and silent zones. "We need to come out of this mindset that honking is fine. The 'no-honking' rule should be enforced the way wearing helmets was made compulsory," said Dugar.

According to traffic police officials, offenders are being penalised only when they honk in or around 'no honking' zones.

"We are supposed to remove air horns from the vehicles. However, that becomes difficult as removing it from the vehicle takes time, which

leads to traffic jams. Our priority is to manage traffic. We cannot afford to create a queue of vehicles on the road. Sometimes, we are compelled to impose a fine and send defaulters back with a verbal warning. Traffic police have limited time to enforce 'no-honking' or 'shrill-honking' rules. Maybe the RTO offices can check the vehicles for shrill horns when they go for inspections," said a traffic police official.

Plea seeks SIT probe into 'transfer threat' to judge

A petition has been filed in the Karnataka High Court seeking a probe by a special investigation team (SIT) into the 'transfer threat' received by its judge Justice H P Sandesh.

Justice Sandesh had recorded in an order passed on July 14, the 'threat' of transfer re-

ceived indirectly from another judge during a recent farewell organised by the High Court.

Advocate Ramesh Naik L has moved the court seeking SIT probe and adequate security for Justice Sandesh. The petitioner has contended that if the threat is not probably addressed "it tends to shake enor-

mous faith that people of India reposed on High Courts and its Judges." The plea is yet to be listed for hearing.

The transfer threat was received by Justice HP Sandesh following his remarks on the Anti-Corruption Bureau and its chief ADGP Seemant Kumar Singh in a graft case. — PTI

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Your ride cancelled... And just got costlier too

Number of taxis plying city roads cut down as many in financial doldrums had to give up their cabs

Are you finding it tough to find a cab these days? Well, you are not alone — turns out there is a shortage of cabs, which is resulting in surge pricing too. According to Transport Department data, 3,38,842 cabs and 1,15,363 maxi cabs are registered across the state, but presently about 2 to 2.50 lakh vehicles are on the roads. This means that out of 4.54 lakh cabs, barely 40-50% are operational, according to taxi owners' organisations.

Due to the pandemic and its aftermath, several companies are not fully working out of office yet. This caused major financial trouble to taxi owners, following which many owners of cars were forced to sell them as they could not pay installments for the bank loans. Some other cars were impounded due to non-payment of loans. Accordingly, the number of taxis plying for hire has reduced by half. Now that all activities are back to normal, so the cost of cars too have doubled and many who had let go of their cars are not able to buy new ones.

"Taxi owners are in dire straits due to the increase in petrol and diesel prices. Existing taxis are not able to meet the demand of customers. Taxis



“The ex-showroom price of the car is much higher now. Cars that were available at low prices are unaffordable now

are difficult to come by after 5 pm even if customers agree to pay more. If IT and other companies reopen or commence work from office, there will be more demand for taxis. Likewise, the rent too will increase. Rates are fixed according to time and demand. Now, taxi fare has increased by 20 to 40%," said a taxi driver

Costlier cars

Another taxi driver said that all car manufacturers have hiked cost of the vehicles. "Now there is another round of price hikes. The ex-showroom price of the car is much higher now. Cars that were available at low prices are unaffordable now. In addition,

third-party insurance rate has also increased along with the price of the car. Due to this, customers can buy a car or a bike but 17 to 23% additional money has to be paid," said the taxi driver.

New policy causing distress to drivers

The Central Government has reduced the excise duty on fuel twice. Following this, many states including Karnataka have reduced the prices. However, the price of petrol has not gone below Rs.100. Car maintenance costs have doubled, drivers say.

A member of the Tourist Vehicle Owners' Association told Bangalore Mirror, "Cars are more expensive because the Central Government has ordered the manufacture of vehicles using the 'Go Green' system, which does not harm the environment and gives more mileage with less fuel."

As the production of diesel vehicles has decreased, price too has gone up. It is hard to get loans from financial institutions and buy new vehicles. The consequence of all these is the lack of taxis which were available for hire to the public, says Karnataka State Travel Owners Association President K Radhakrishna Holla.

— Navya M

Dust to dust

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and lung issues had gone down over the last two years due to face masks and lower vehicular emissions due to multiple lockdowns, the number is surging again. Moreover, low temperature is making the situation worse," said Dr Pavan Yadav, interventional pulmonologist and lung transplant expert at Aster RV Hospital.

People are complaining of upper and lower respiratory infection symptoms such as sneezing, running nose, throat infection, burning sensation in the eyes, difficulty in breathing and chest discomfort.

"With a high concentration of fine particles such as PM2.5 in the air, those with specific underlying lung issues such as bronchitis with excessive secretion of mucus in the lungs, the quantity of secretion goes up and patients with bronchial asthma or COPD experience more frequent wheezing episodes. Thus, nebulisation requirements go up impacting the quality of life," added Dr Yadav.

Health experts said those who already have the disease have poor control of it, despite being on medications.

"Most of the time, the treatment plans are unchanged, however, there are few cases where we are prescribing higher doses of medications," said Dr Sandeepa HS, interventional pulmonologist, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital.

A high concentration of PM2.5 in the city has been reported earlier as well. According to a recent study

published in the Lancet Planetary Health journal on PM2.5-related mortality, there has been an increase of around 85% in the PM 2.5 level in Bengaluru between 2000 and 2019. The study also analysed the number of deaths due to PM2.5 levels. While in the year 2000, as many as 2,090 deaths in Bengaluru were attributed to PM2.5. In 2019, this number went

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Top five most polluted districts in Karnataka	PM2.5 level (µg/m3)	Potential change in life expectancy: WHO Guidelines (yrs)
Bengaluru	37.78	3.21
Raichur	31.35	2.58
Kalaburagi	30.53	2.5
Vijayapura	30.17	2.47
Yadgir	29.93	2.44

up to 7,410, registering an increase of around 255% in deaths.

Karnataka scenario

The report also mentioned statewide distribution of PM2.5 in India and life expectancy gains if the levels are brought down to WHO-recommended levels.

While Karnataka's PM2.5 concentration is 27.4 µg/m3, the overall life expectancy of the state is expected to improve by 2.2 years if WHO standard is met. According to the report, a permanent, nationwide PM2.5 reduction of 25 percent would increase India's average national life expectancy by 1.4 years.

Experts said while achieving WHO's standards of PM2.5 levels will surely lead to remarkable health improvements, we should first focus on attaining India's air quality standards.

"While such data opens our eyes to the fact that policy interventions are of utmost importance, ours is a country where the presence of dust, smoke and fine particles has been normalised. We first need to take care of the behavioural aspect and achieve our air quality standards. That in itself will be a big achievement. We need to address the basic concern of governance too. Once we have a system where all the departments concerned are coordinating and working in tandem to improve the air pollution of the city or country is when we will be able to bring the situation under control," said Dr Pratima Singh, research scientist, Center for Study of Science, Technology and Policy (CSTEP).

In 2019, the Government of India launched its National Clean Air Programme to reduce particulate pollution by 20 to 30 percent, relative to 2017 levels, by 2024.

Burial ground blues

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This reporter found two abandoned garbage auto-tippers at one corner of the burial ground adjacent to Kathalpalya. Residents of Doddakunta want the BBMP to keep the burial ground clean.

"I want the BBMP to take measures to keep the burial ground clean and neat," said E Narayana Reddy, a resident of Doddakunta.

Bharathi Nagar Residents' Forum president NS Ravi said cleanliness at the burial ground would facilitate people visiting memorials of their near and dear ones on festivals and special occasions to pay tributes.

"The other nauseating and disgusting aspect at the burial ground is the pathetic condition of grave diggers' dwellings. The area where these dwellings are located resemble a slum. I want the BBMP authorities to construct residential quarters for the grave diggers and ensure all basic

amenities," said Ravi.

Meanwhile, Sowri Raj, a grave digger, said his house is in a dilapidated condition and needs immediate repair. "There are seven grave diggers working at this burial ground. We have already requested the BBMP to construct residential quarters for us. BBMP assured us quarters last year but did nothing till date," said Raj.

He said there is also a shortage of water. "There are two borewells but one of the water pumps is defunct, causing water scarcity. There is no water to cater to the needs of those who visit the burial ground to bury bodies of their relatives," he said.

Meanwhile, BBMP assistant engineer Narasimhaiah promised that he would visit Kalpalli Burial Ground soon. "I will prepare the list of works to be taken up there on a priority basis. I shall also discuss with higher authorities on allocation of funds to take up clean-up drives at the burial ground," said Narasimhaiah.

Push for Pananthur underpass

The Bengaluru Bruhat Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has asked officials to work with the Railways to fast track the work on the Pananthur railway underpass. Residents of the area have been complaining about the slow pace of work.

The residents complained to BBMP chief Tushar Giri Nath on Friday about the delay.

Nath then ordered officials to coordinate with railways for fast-tracking the work.

The residents have also requested the BBMP to widen the Pananthur Main Road. In fact, many of the roads

in Mahadevapura are narrow. The residents alleged that the BBMP has been sitting on the idea of widening the roads for want of land acquisition via TDR.

Reacting to this, Nath who visited Mahadevapura area on Friday asked the officials to inspect the spot and resolve the TDR issue.

Nath also said, "A railway underpass at a cost of Rs 6-crore was being taken up near Marathalli. Half of the work is completed using precast elements. The work was now delayed due to issues with acquisition of land."

—BMB

Kanakapura Road to take some load off Mysuru Road

Bengaluru-Mysuru inter-city vehicular traffic is one of the highest in Karnataka. This is why the four-lane Bengaluru-Mysuru Road is now being widened to 10 lanes (including a 4-lane service road on either side) via Bidadi.

However, the Centre plans to promote Kanakapura Road as an alternative route to reach Mysuru Road. For many in Bengaluru South, Kanakapura can be an easy bet. Realtors say that this alternative road can give a big boost to the realty market. This is also one of the reasons why many are planning to buy residential properties on Kanakapura Road.

Despite hiccups, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is hopeful of upgrading the existing 2-lane Kanakapura Road into a 4-lane. This road will connect Mysuru via Kanakapura, Halagur, Malavalli and Bannur. This is also a shorter distance to Coimbatore compared to the existing road via Krishnagiri.

The road can also serve as an alternative to Bangalore-Kozhikode via



Chamarajanagar-Gundlupet and Sultan Battery. From Bengaluru, thousands travel on this road as it leads to popular pilgrimage spots like B R Hills and M M Hills. It may be noted that NH 209 starts from Dewan Madhava Rao Road in Basavanagudi and touches Vedasandur near Dindigul. The road crosses Cauvery River between Malavalli and Sattagal.

This 4-lane road will be cut across

by another major infrastructure project – the Satellite Ring Road (STRR). This stretch of the STRR will connect Anekal with Kanakapura and then Ramanagar. While the four-laning of Kanakapura road is giving highway connectivity to the localities, the STRR will develop areas in and around Kanakapura.

Sources said that the much-delayed STRR project is taking off in

phases. This project is crucial in driving away heavy traffic from entering the city.

This road is also expected to drive the realty of the city with better infrastructure. As the peripheral ring road is still limping in 'infancy', work is being taken up on the other ring road for the city. This four-laned, tolled STRR is set to connect the towns around Bengaluru city. Interestingly,

this ring road will also connect the Hosur region of Tamil Nadu, being the first by-pass road around Bengaluru that will span across another state.

NHAI is executing this ring road under the Bharatmala Project and connects Dobbspet (Tumakuru road)-Doddaballapur (Hindupur road), Devanahalli (Hyderabad road), Hosakote (Kolar road), Hosur (Chennai road), Anekal (Thali road), Kanakapura (Kollegal road), Ramangar (Mysuru road), Magadi (Kunigal road), and Dobbspet. The total length of this ring road is about 281 km (as against 116 km identified for peripheral ring road and 60 km of the existing outer ring road) in Karnataka and 45 km in Tamil Nadu.

Currently, the ORR is unable to take the vehicular density. The average density at ORR is almost double at junctions like Hebbal, KR Puram, and Goraguntepalya.

As per the latest update, work on two packages - Dabaspet-Doddaballapur and Hoskote Road - is going on. Although the work started many years ago, it was delayed due to multiple reasons, including Covid. Currently, 20 per cent of work is completed.

The NHAI plans to award bids to Hoskote to Tamil Nadu border stretch in March next year along with highway construction in the Tamil Nadu stretch.

"We have recently issued a preliminary notification that has five packages, and it may happen in June next year," an official said. — **Prakash VL**

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Motorists and residents of MV Garden, Murphy Town, Gupta Layout, and other areas were shocked to see the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) engaging people to remove bitumen that was laid out hardly three months ago.

The excuse was 'to take up white topping' work on the 900 m stretch of D Bhaskaran Road in accordance with a plan prepared long ago.

If that is the case, it begs the question as to why the Palike spent lakhs to asphalt the road before.

"Yes, it is true. This stretch was asphalted three months ago. I am merely following the directions from my higher authorities who asked me to prepare the surface for white topping," said a BBMP engineer.

"It is nothing but a waste of taxpayers' money. I think BBMP engineers have taken up this work just to make money," said Chandru, a social activist.

Coming down heavily on the BBMP authorities for traffic around



BBMP is currently engaged in white topping work on a 900 m stretch on D Bhaskaran Road that had undergone asphaltting recently

Halasuru due to the closure of half the road between Gurudwara and Traffic Junction on Bhaskaran Road, Brahmananda Reddy of Gupta Layout said that it was not the right time.

"The BBMP Road Infrastructure

Department has no proper plan on how to take and when to take up white topping work. Many residents are suffering due to the traffic jams caused due to the closure of the road for traffic," said Reddy.

Emphasising on the need to fill

"I came across the BBMP removing bitumen from roads that were in good condition. Their intention is to make money as early as possible"

— Venkatesh HM, social activist

up potholes on roads to ensure smooth movement of vehicles, Mohan Dasari, President of Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) Bengaluru, said that white topping has become a golden goose for the BBMP engineers and elected representatives.

"There are many roads that crave the authorities' attention, but it is quite shocking and unfortunate to see the BBMP removing bitumen laid just three months ago," said Dasari.

Saidatta, a social activist, said that BBMP engineers are taking up white topping work to fill their pockets.

"Why are the BBMP engineers removing bitumen so soon? I want them to focus on roads that are full of potholes and craters," he said.

Advising BBMP engineers to work for residents of Bengaluru and stop pleasing elected representatives, Venkatesh HM, a social activist, said, "I came across the BBMP removing bitumen from many roads that were in good condition. Their intention is to make money as early as possible."

However, BBMP Chief Engineer (Road Infrastructure) BS Prahalad, said the BBMP contractor was directed to level the surface of the road and not remove the bitumen.

"White topping work has been taken up as per the plan. The road surface is being levelled," he said.

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BM reported on July 15 that a tip-top road was going to be white-topped anyway

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Majestic underpass won't pass any test

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People using the underpass near Sangam theatre towards the Majestic Railway Station say that the area is completely encroached by vendors, leaving no space for pedestrians to walk. They also say that the underpass is extremely dirty.

Vivek Sinha, a pedestrian, said, "The place gets a lot of footfall and people are always busy. A lot of them even walk with their luggage. Now, because of all the hawkers and the vendors sitting here, walking amidst this becomes very difficult. The area gets crowded and people often end up pushing each other."

Mohit Pawar, another pedestrian, said, "I came to drop my grandmother to the railway station, but I am scared to leave her alone because there is so much rush. It is not a safe place for senior citizens. The vendors keep their things in the middle of



This is the condition of the walls inside Majestic Railway Station

the path. If someone is walking in a hurry and not seeing the sacks on the road, they can fall and injure themselves. Even after requesting them so many times, they have not moved their things."

People also say that the stench and dirt spoil the ambience of the place.

Ashwat Kumar, also a pedestrian, said,

"The entire wall has become red because of people spitting on the walls. Now, because of the rain, it is dripping down the walls and spreading on the floor during the times of covid. It is not just unhygienic but dirty as well. This is an important railway station and should not be like this at all."

Madhukeshwar, a civil engineer and transportation specialist, said, "A good job has been done to increase the width of the footpath for the people to walk, but because of all the vendors and hawkers there is no space left for people to walk. If there is garbage and dirt everywhere then how will the people walk with their luggage?"

BBMP authorities said that they would look into the matter and make necessary arrangements.

An official from the South Western Railways said, "If people are facing any issues, they will have to raise a complaint by dialling 139. The issue will be taken up."



Shutter down, for now

Wholesale grain and pulses stores and other shops in and around Nagarathpet were shut down on Friday in protest against the 5% GST imposition on packed and labelled products

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Welcome to Puneeth & Chanakya wards

Most objections to ward delimitation pertain to name change. BM looks at some new ward names

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What's in a name? Well, a lot more than one can fathom. The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) had taken up the exercise of redrawing the city's boundaries as part of the expansion of the wards from 198 to 243. A majority of the objections filed against the draft BBMP ward list were against names!

Now, the State Government has issued a final list of 243 wards of Namma Bengaluru. So, we have new wards named after Puneeth Rajkumar, his father and legendary Kannada actor Dr Rajkumar, Chatrapati Shivaji, Chanakya, Kanneshwara Rama, Veera Madakari, Ranadheera Kanterava, Veera Sindhura Lakshmana, Vijayanagar Krishnadevaraya, Sir M Visvesvaraya and Deena Dayalu ward etc.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "We had received 3,833 objections to the draft notification. Surprisingly, Yeshwanthpur Assembly constituency received the maximum number of objections (1,967). Out of this, 1,700 were for name change."

According to him, 479



Citizens protest to retain Sarvagna Nagar ward's name

objections were received from KR Puram and the maximum were for name change; while some were that the boundaries were not drawn scientifically. "The reason for changing the name of a ward was as in some cases, one ward had become three new wards. So, the question was to name which of these three wards with the original name. We have compiled

BBMP chief says 3,833 objections were received to delimitation draft

the objections and forwarded it to the sub-committee headed by the Additional Chief Secretary Urban Development Department Rakesh Singh which decided on the objections," Nath said.

Meanwhile, ever since the draft list came out, there were protests at many places over the change in name. For example, residents of Kengeri had taken to streets as the Kengeri name was missing from the ward list. Now, bowing to pressure from the residents, Kengeri's name has been retained. Similarly, names of many wards have been revised. For example, the name of the Andhrhalli ward (draft list) has been changed to Doddabidarakallu (box).

The new names in town

Draft name	Final notification names
Kengeri	Kengeri Satellite Town
Hemmigepura	Talaghattapura
Manorayanapalya	Cholanagar
DJ Halli	Modi Garden
Ramamurthy Nagar	Kowdenahalli
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Age of algorithms

Are our decisions independent? Are they carefully considered? Or are we being nudged towards certain predisposed inevitabilities? What if we aren't realising how some of our key choices are being manipulated by algorithms?

Maybe we are ignoring the plain fact: over the past decade, we have been captivated by a web of tech-enabled marketing funnels in the digital sphere, rendering traditional advertising almost obsolete.

The algorithm has replaced the agency of the advertiser — the traditional ad firm — as a vehicle for marketing in the digital era.

The all-encompassing, self-sustaining ecosystem of algorithm-based targeted advertising has saved billions of advertising money in the gig economy. Target groups are lined up by algorithms that have been meticulously reprogramming over the years gleaning human behaviour and categorising users into separate baskets, sifting through a multitude of profiles.

Most importantly, we are at that critical juncture where algorithms are playing a key role in the collective's future. The algorithm is playing god, so to speak — that it is well aware of our flaws, our biases and prejudices apart, it's morphed into an all-seeing almighty force with immense ramifications for our collective evolution.

Algorithm is the omnipresent voyeur in our daily lives silently keeping a tab on our behaviour, nature of our digital interactions such as the oft-visited news outlets, favourite music, preferred videos/films, general likes and dislikes (on social media too) and so on from the minute we wake up till the moment we hit the bed, unless we intentionally choose to take frequent breaks from all digital gadgetry.

The aftermath of a billion likes and shares is beyond our imagination. We are helping algorithms to draw a huge map of vulnerable minds to herd us into the future they envisage for us. Just as the defiant outgoing PM Boris Johnson of the UK said in his resignation speech, 'when the herd moves, it moves', the wired human herd is teaching the algorithmic herder how to herd. Absurd, but true.

For now, algorithms are human-designed and controlled, but programmed to decipher how the mind works during a digital transaction, apart from facilitating the transaction itself, while learning from interactions in social media, emails, banking or online shopping.

Millions of digital transactions take place everyday where algorithms are constantly deconstructing human behaviour. In time, the algorithm acquires a great degree of knowledge to weave a mind map of the user/s, from the users' travels in varied geography down to eating and drinking habits to sexual orientation and choices and so on. Algorithms are



now aware how a billion minds are operating and navigating the digital sphere in a scale more than any advertising or branding agency has been capable of achieving.

There are softwares that can track an iPhone even when it is turned off — a Faustian scenario for mankind (read Pegasus).

The curious thing is we are at a juncture where the codes are constantly tweaked and rewritten after analysing and understanding human behaviour from a bank of specific behavioural scenarios. As the algorithm has understood probable human behaviour in gazillion contexts till date, it shall now subtly nudge the user to evoke a certain reaction, thereby leading them on, even without them realising that they are indeed lambs for slaughter, to whatever a certain entity wants them to do.

When you have access to the behavioural patterns of varied demographics, traditional advertising is diminished to old fashioned charm. With the power to influence decisions of millions, in effect, algorithms are coaxing collective human behaviour in certain social and economic groups to a certain direction in favour of big tech, enabled by crony capitalists and dishonest lawmakers: eventually the powerful stakeholders profiteer.

The Uber Files exposé, a case in point, is the tip of the iceberg. The regulatory hurdles were to be overcome, even through 'violent' means, if need be, in Uber's case. In the global south, a total absence of regulatory mechanisms in a still nascent digital landscape favours perpetrators of digital frauds. The behaviour of Uber executives is appalling and indicates how deep the rabbit hole goes.

So, is tech tweaking human evolution by gently coaxing mankind into an uncharted and probably dangerous territory? Yes, it is. Algorithms have not only been gaming and rewiring our minds in the past decade but learning more and more about our behaviour in order to be a step ahead of us, obviously for commercial reasons, and not for societal or cultural ends.

The irony is we still have to resolve the aftermath of technology pre-tech, before we embark on gaming digital tech to resolve all of our current problems. We can start with the challenges posed by the climate emergency.

Meanwhile, as embarrassing news of Indian call centres swindling western citizens surface, the latest instance of which was from Bengaluru a few days ago, a collective tech detox is warranted.

Yet another drive against begging; 43, including minors, rescued in city

The city police in association with the Department of Women and Child Welfare officials and along with the members of Non-Governmental Organisations launched a special drive in the city to rescue people from begging. Around 43 persons including 15 women and 28 minors- equal number of boys and

girls - were found begging at various traffic junctions.

Simultaneous and coordinated drives were conducted at all eight police divisions in the city at around 39 important traffic junctions. The drives were conducted with an aim to contain begging at signals.

Both the city police as well as with

the officials of the Department of Women and Child welfare had received complaints about this. The drive started at 10 pm and concluded around 6 pm on Thursday. Among the 28 children rescued, 14 of them were boys and 14 girls, a senior police officer said. The rescued women and children have been handed over to

the Child Welfare Committees for further action, added the officer.

There were complaints from the members of the general public about the begging which they said was not only disrupting the traffic but also causing nuisance at the junctions.

As many as 39 teams comprising of police officials including a majority

of them women officials and officials from the Women and Child Welfare Department and NGOs were formed and dispatched to major junctions across the city. Jurisdictional ACPs have been deputed as nodal officer to monitor and supervise the drive.

A similar drive was launched in February and October last year where as many as 1,000 people found begging at the junctions were rescued and handed over to CWCs. — BMB

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Some not so familiar faces this Dasara

New team of tuskers will be selected to participate this year in Mysuru's Dasara festivities; it will be a larger-than-life event like pre-covid times

In a break from tradition, this year's Dasara celebrations will see a brand-new batch of elephants participating in the historical procession that attracts visitors from different parts of the country and there will be a second batch of elephants preparing for the grand celebrations in Mysuru.

Due to Covid-19, for the last two years, celebrations were a muted affair. Only eight tuskers participated in the Dasara festival and the procession was also limited to the palace grounds. This year, the government has decided to celebrate Dasara lavishly, much like pre-covid times. A new team of jumbos will be trained for the festivities and this year, the Dasara celebrations will witness 14 to 15 elephants in the procession like it was in 2019.

Deputy Conservator of Forests Karikalan said, "This time we will introduce new elephants who have not participated earlier in the Dasara procession. As the procession will pass through a huge crowd, we have to train the elephants for



The jumbo which carries the 'Ambari' or the golden howdah that weighs 750 kg must not be more than 60 years of age

such an atmosphere. For that, we are preparing elephants for the second stage."

There are more than 115 elephants in Titimati and surrounding elephant camps, Dara in Kodagu, and Ramapura in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. Among these, 15 elephants will be selected for the procession. Nine

experienced elephants in the Dussehra procession will be included with them. The remaining elephants are new to the festivities. The selection process will be completed before July 30, 2022.

According to rules, the jumbo which carries the 'Ambari' or the golden howdah weighing 750 kg

"This time we will introduce new elephants who have not participated earlier in the Dasara procession. We have to train them for the crowd"

—Karikalan, Deputy Conservator

one of the most spectacular aspects of the Dasara celebrations - must not cross 60 years of age.

Abhimanyu, the tuskier and one of the stars of the tuskier squad, who has been carrying the Ambari for the last few years is now 57 years old. He can participate only thrice in the procession. So, this year, other jumbos like Mahendra, Bheema, Ashwathama, and Krishna will be trained to carry the Ambari. Rules dictate that the tuskier must be trained for at least three to five years to carry the famed golden howdah.

—Prakash VL

Police seek permission for narco test on arrested ADGP

The state police on Friday sought permission of a court here to conduct a narco-analysis test on IPS officer Amrit Paul, arrested in connection with the PSI recruitment scam. The memo with the request was submitted before the First Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate today. Since the consent of the ac-

cused is required for the narco test, the Magistrate ordered Paul to file his reply and adjourned the hearing to Saturday. Paul was arrested on July 4 and is in police custody. His ten-day custody was extended by three days on Wednesday. Paul is the highest-ranking officer arrested in connection with the fraud —PTI

Catch this movie, if you can (be patient)

CHASE (KANNADA)

2.5 RATING ★★★★★

• **DIRECTOR** Hari Anand Shetty
• **ACTORS** Radhika Narayan, Avinash, Sheetal Shetty, Rajesh Nataranga, Arjun Yogi, Aravind Bolar, Pramod Shetty, Rehman Hasan, Veena Sundar, Arvind Rao
• **Duration** 143.43 minutes

Chase is a thriller about a notorious medical mafia that would go to any extent to protect its interests and exploit innocent patients. During the movie, the director manages to deftly talk about the difficulties doctors who are genuinely serving humanity have to go through. It also doesn't hesitate to shed light on how some doctors compel hapless patients to undergo surgeries and medical tests unnecessarily.

The plot of Chase revolves around a police officer Nidhi (Radhika Narayan), who has lost her vision in an accident that also killed her friend.

Nidhi is on suspension for dereliction of duty and the misuse of handcuffs. The plot thickens when Nidhi hitches a ride in a car of a person who is far more dangerous than he seems (Arvind Rao). The man compels Nidhi to drink coffee in the car but she declines the offer. This car then is involved in an accident. Nidhi lodges a complaint with the police requesting them to conduct an inquiry into the accident.



The plot of the movie is quite similar to a Tamil movie named Netrikan

The department assigns Avinash, a police inspector, to probe into the accident case. The thriller hinges on what happens to Nidhi next, and who the real villain is.

Now, Chase has many similarities to the Tamil movie Netrikan in which Nayanthara played the lead. The Tamil movie in turn was a remake of the Korean movie Blind. Director Hari Anand Shetty has tried to include some specific Kannada elements to give the film a local touch. However, the screen time given to Rajesh Nataranga makes it seem like the director was in a terrible hurry to complete the shooting of this movie. Rajesh's character just does not sit well in the film.

Radhika Narayan has given her best performance -- and deserves praise for playing a visually-challenged person in a

convincing manner. Avinash, also known as Avinash Narasimharaju, has done a good job, with good dialogue delivery and dancing skills. Arjun Yogi is impressive but has to go a long way to establish himself as a hero in Sandalwood. Sheetal Shetty as a doctor who places medical ethics over and above monetary benefits has done a decent job and Aravind Bolar provides the much-needed comic relief.

A word of caution -- if you have not watched the Tamil movie Netrikan, go ahead and watch this film -- else it won't have an element of surprise. And another -- if you really want to watch this movie, make sure you are ready to cope with the post-intermission session, which can just end up testing your patience.

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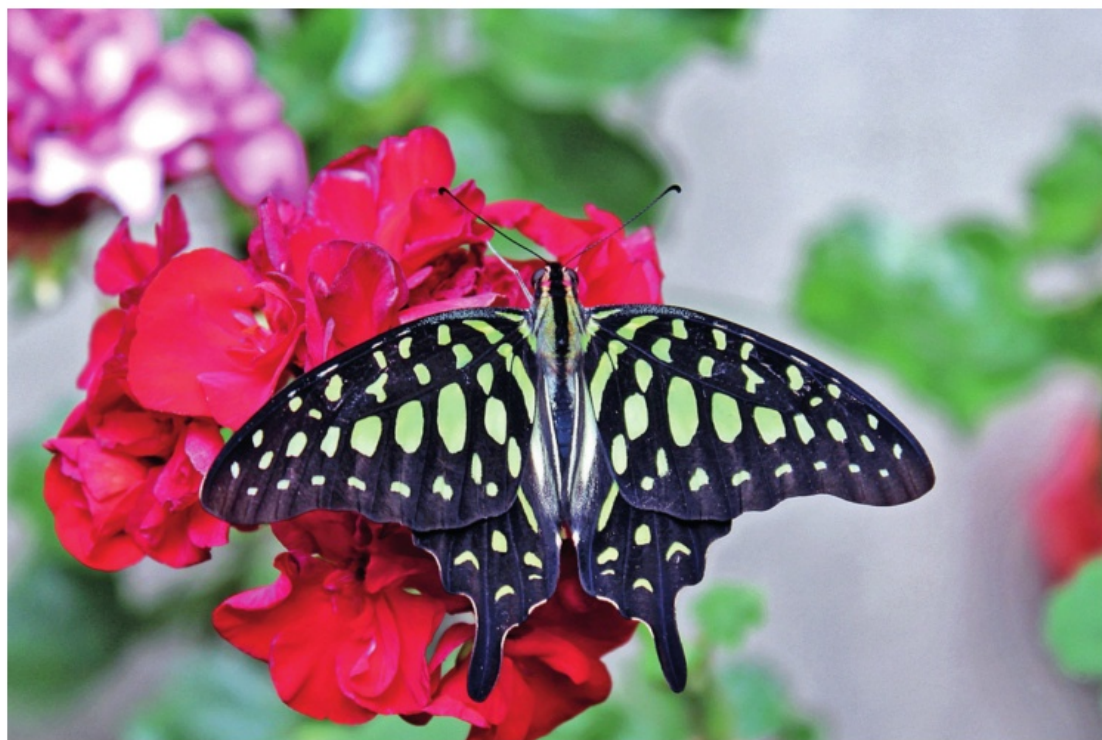
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STORY BEHIND THE PHOTO

FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY

This is a Tailed Jay Butterfly, which I captured on a rainy evening in my garden. The butterfly was resting on a flower with its wings open to warm up its flight muscles.

The picture was clicked by reader
Soumya H



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Pavement: A place to keep construction materials



Piles of cement, bricks, sand and wheelbarrows occupy the space meant for walking

If you happen to live in and around Kadubeesanahalli, or even drive past the area, you would be well acquainted with the constant traffic. With two schools and several IT parks, the area is known to be a busy hub and commuters and pedestrians are already bearing the brunt of the slowly increasing traffic in these lanes.

A new problem has now surfaced: a building in the making has used the footpaths to store its construction utilities, leaving pedestrians with little space to walk. Piles of cement, sand, bricks and wheelbarrows dot the stretch meant for walkers.

Struggling for space

Vidya, a resident of Kadubeesanahalli, finds it difficult to drop her son off at school, which is 100 metres away from her residence. "My son is often late to school due to traffic or simply because it's difficult to walk on the pavement and the stretch is very congested during peak hours," she said.

Another local, Ravi, said it was unsafe walking on the road and he questioned the irresponsibility of the estate's owners as well as the BBMP.

Shylaja, another resident, alleged that the construction workers and the management have not responded to her inquiries about the roadside storage and they have turned a deaf ear to her concerns.



"We have not received any complaints," said Paramaeshwara, the BBMP's chief engineer for Mahadevapura ward. He was peeved at the estate owner's irresponsibility and claimed that 'the new footpaths are meant for pedestrians and not for storage', adding that action would be taken immediately.

When citizens petitioned the BBMP

In 2018, residents from Bellandur, Kadubeesanahalli, Sarjapur, Kasavanahalli, Doddakannelli, Harlur Main Road, and neighbouring regions petitioned the BBMP because according to them, the BBMP 'has not fulfilled its promise to offer sufficient municipal services'. The BBMP ultimately heard the petition and built good walkways, but now, building sites pose a new threat to pedestrians in Kadubeesanahalli.

— Divya Shree KB

DID YOU KNOW?



The Butterfly Park at Bannerghatta National Park was a joint initiative by the Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) and the Department of Biotechnology (DoBT), Government of India. It was initiated during 2003 and completed in 2007 and opened to the public for visitation.

The entire park has been established over area 7.5 acres which has a butterfly trail of about 1 km length. The 'butterfly trail' established over a five-acre garden leads the visitors to an innovatively designed three dome structure housing the conservatory, museum and the multi-media centre. A study reported 48 species of butterflies in various seasons at Bengaluru Bannerghatta Biological Park. Thirty species of butterflies belong to five families viz., Papilionidae, Pieridae, Nymphalidae, Lycaenidae and Hesperidae were breeding in different seasons under captive conditions and released into the conservatory dome.

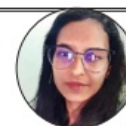
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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

TAP THE CHATTER

where Bangaloreans speak their mind

Where do you like to hang out or spend time with family and friends in Bengaluru?



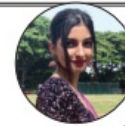
Amisha Gupta, Student

I love to spend time at Church Street with my family and friends. The place is filled with amazing cafes and has a vibrant vibe to it. A visit here is always fun and filled with laughter.



Amal PS, Student

There're a lot of things to do in this city, but the weekly Plan B (eatery) ritual is what I always look forward to. Having a few beers and wings with your friends is the best.



Ananya Prasad, Influencer

I think Cubbon Park is the best place to go for walks, reconnect with nature, spend quality time with family and friends and as a bonus, meet lots of dogs.



Donna Brigit Dominic, Student/Dancer

I love this city but I think my favourite place in this city is Church Street. Church Street gives me good vibes and the place is always happening and that's what makes it exciting.



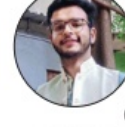
Ayanav Ghosh, BM Reader

Bengaluru is known for its malls but my favourite place to go with friends are the hills around Nandi. I also love going for live musical concerts.



BR Sree Madhumati, Dancer

I love visiting parks and cafes. And when time allows me, museums and art galleries are on my list too.



Shantanu Sharma, Student

I like to shop at Orion Mall with my family. It also has a lot of food outlets, and therefore, is a great place to spend time with friends as well.

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How can authorities & citizens make public spaces more accessible to pets?

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Anxious gaze at foreign shores

Cap on at Heathrow, ripples down here

Travellers from city worry rescheduling or even cancellation will disrupt their travel plans



Heathrow airport will now only allow one lakh passengers per day till September 11

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Heathrow Airport's decision to put a cap on the number of passengers allowed to fly out in a day is causing panic among travellers from Bengaluru.

The travellers who have already booked their tickets fear that their flight to London might get cancelled.

Heathrow Airport is one of the busiest airports in London, UK.

They have reduced the capacity of passengers in the airport to deal with baggage delays and long queues.

The airport will now only allow one lakh passengers per day till September 11.

This news has worried the travellers from Bengaluru because they fear that their travel plans will get affected because of this move.

Shamanth Krishnamurthy, the owner of Sanman Travels, said, "It will definitely affect the passengers. A lot of people are planning to visit London before winter hits, hence for them,

“It will not be long until flights from Bengaluru will start getting cancelled as well. I am travelling out of the country for the first time, and I am already anxious about that

—Manish Gupta, Nagarabhavi resident

there are chances of the trip getting postponed by one whole year. Moreover, there will be a lot of flights that will be cancelled and rescheduled which will cause confusion among the passengers.”

Shalini Pal, a resident in Jalahalli, said, "My university course in London starts from August 1st and my ticket till Heathrow is also booked. There is no chance of booking another ticket because it is quite expensive. A lot of money and preparation went behind making everything ready, however, this uncertainty is worrying me and my parents a lot."

Advait Ashok, residing in Nagasandra will be travelling to London for his higher education.

He said, "Since the day they announced this decision, I have been very anxious. Before, because of covid, I could not go there and now because of this, I hope no delay happens. My class starts in September, and I have to be present there by August, but there is no clear information as to which flight will be cancelled or rescheduled. If at least, we can get to know that we can book an alternative flight."

The cancellation of a Virgin Atlantic flight to London from Delhi has increased the panic among the residents who would be travelling to London soon.

Manish Gupta, a resident of Nagarabhavi, said, "Already a flight from Delhi that was going to London has been cancelled. It will not be long until flights from Bengaluru will start getting cancelled as well. I am travelling out of the country for the first time, and I am already quite anxious about that. To top it off, this decision by the airport is bringing more worry to me as well as my parents."

Students awaiting exam results feel visa blues

Delay in CBSE result declaration is marring hopes to get into foreign varsities

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Students in Bengaluru, waiting to go abroad for higher education are feeling anxious. They say that the delay in the declaration of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) Class 12th exam results have left them in a lurch.

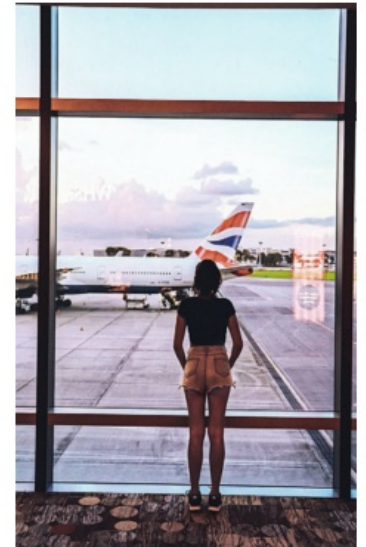
Many have not been able to apply for a visa to countries like the UK, Canada and a few other countries in Europe.

A student from Bengaluru who has applied for a degree course in Psychology at the London School of Economics (LSE) said that she is worried the delay in results might cost her the opportunity.

"I have applied for degree courses in Psychology at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands and London School of Economics in the UK. While I was able to get my visa process initiated for the Netherlands, I am waiting for my board's results to start the process for the UK. Although the University of Amsterdam allowed me to start the process, UK universities require your mark sheets to do so," said Kritika, who appeared for the CBSE class 12th examination.

Kritika has received a conditional offer from LSE. "I will get a confirmation only after I receive the class XII results. The offer is conditional and depends on the grades I achieve. While I am hoping to get through, the delay in the process is surely making me nervous," said Kritika.

While the CBSE results are expected to be out by the end of this month, students are worried as there has not been any official confirma-



City students feel they might lose out on their opportunity

Many awaiting Class 12 results, have not been able to apply for a visa to countries like the UK, Canada and a few other countries in Europe

tion from the board so far.

"The results are expected by the end of this month but there has not been any official communication from the board yet. I will be able to just manage the process and reach my destination on time if the results are announced within a couple of weeks. However, any further delay will make me miss my classes," said another student, who has secured admission to one of the universities in Canada. Notably, the universities in the UK and Canada provide conditional offers to the students. They still need to score a certain percentage while applying for a visa and need to submit the mark sheet with the offer letter to start the process.

Bengaluru is still the boss when it comes to jobs

Bengaluru continues to be the top Tier-1 city for hiring across industries and most levels of experience, reveals a survey that provides insights across the four sectors of banking, financial services and insurance (BFSI); manufacturing; information technology (IT); and pharma, healthcare and life-sciences.

The 2022 Randstad Insights Talent Trends Report shared exclusively with ET analyses trends across eight Tier-1 cities, 18 Tier-2 cities, and more than 1,00,000 jobs across experience levels.

"Our data show encouraging spikes in talent demand for digital-driven industries across key cities and this year too, Bengaluru's position as the hotspot for job seekers hasn't

changed," said Viswanath PS, managing director & CEO, Randstad India.

"Another key highlight of our Talent Trends report is the fact that the distribution of job levels across cities shows junior levels dominating the scene, both in Tier-1 and Tier-2 locations," he added.

On the IT jobs front, Bengaluru is the clear winner, creating demand of 33.28%, 43.90% and 37.72% in the junior, middle and senior level hiring, respectively. At the junior level, Chennai (14.98%) and Pune (14.37%) stand a close second and third to Bengaluru, while Hyderabad ascends as the seniority levels rise, with 15.6% of the total demand.

Among Tier-2 cities, Nashik (with



Among Tier-1 cities, Bengaluru is the best job-giver

24.57% of the hiring) shows a high demand for IT jobs at the junior level, given the availability of talent as it develops as a significant centre for education. Thiruvananthapuram

(16.92%) comes second in the junior-level segment. It takes the top slot in the middle-level segment.

Bengaluru (20.96%) and Mumbai (20.63%) vie for the top honours in terms of the overall number of BFSI jobs in Tier-1 cities.

Pune is a strong contender and leads at senior levels (25.25%), where both domain and technology expertise come into play.

While Bengaluru leads in manufacturing jobs as well, at the junior level, the National Capital Region, with 14.06% of manufacturing jobs, stands second – followed closely by Chennai (13.22%) and Pune (12.52%).

In the middle and senior level hir-

ing, Pune (14.51% and 17.43%) stands second to Bengaluru.

Among Tier-1 cities, Bengaluru is the top location in hiring for junior (22.74%), middle (31.95%) and senior level (21.12%) across pharma, healthcare and life-sciences jobs as it drives the industry through digitisation, global innovation centres and shared services centres.

The NCR region ranks second to Bengaluru for junior level hiring with 20.65%, third in the middle level hiring (15.14%) and fourth for senior hires (12.48%). Mumbai among Tier-1 cities and Chandigarh and Vadodara among Tier-2 have shown strong hiring in this segment.

—Sreeradha Basu, ET



Let's talk climate change

While climate change is real and is happening every day as we go about our daily life, are we talking about it enough?



Climate change is slowly, but drastically, influencing how we live, work and play. Governments, as well as for-profit and non-profit organisations, are now seeking ways to limit the effects of human actions on the planet.

In many parts of the world, including Australia and Canada, governments are limiting the use of single-use plastics.

To get people to be more sustainable in their daily lives, governments and environmental advocates have been communicating the harms of climate change to humans, animals and the planet. However, there are right and wrong ways to spread this message.

Research has recently begun examining how to best convey the importance of human action to the masses. While people are frequently bombarded with appeals to reduce water use and bring reusable bags to the grocery store, studies are now analysing the language that should be used to make such appeals effective.

In a recent paper I co-authored with Jack Lin, a student at the California State University Northridge, we found that stressing the "seriousness" or "importance" of climate change could lead to

counterintuitive results.

The experiment

We recruited randomly selected 762 Americans and had them read a passage outlining the effects of climate change. But, in the passage given to half of the participants, we added words such as "serious" and "grave" to stress the importance of the harmful effects of climate change.

We then asked the participants how likely they were to engage in various sustainable behaviours such as eating locally grown foods, taking public transportation and using less water.

You would think that saying that climate change is serious would promote more sustainable behavioural intentions. Instead, we found that using "serious" and other similar adjectives lowered behavioural intentions to make sustainable efforts. This effect was especially pronounced among participants who identified as supporting the Republican Party.

Word choice can trigger your sense of free will

How could these results be explained? Well, Republican supporters generally are higher on "psychological reactance."

Meaning they are typically

more averse to restrictions on their individual freedoms and sense of free will. Therefore, to say that climate change effects are "serious" are seen by these individuals as an attempt to influence their perceived views of climate change. Conservatives in other parts of the world also tend to score higher on psychological reactance.

According to this theory, when people experience a sense of restriction, they can take opposite actions to re-assert their sense of free will. Consistent with this premise, Republicans' higher scores on psychological reactance explained why they said they would, for example, use even more water when they see an appeal that uses adjectives like "serious" to convey the effects of climate change.

Other research has found similar results. For example, you would think that telling people that 97 per cent of the world's prominent scientists believe that human-caused climate change is real. Yet Republican-aligned research participants who see a statement like this become even less likely to act on it, compared

to those that don't see it.

These findings might seem to say that climate change communications and appeals might be futile, especially for Republicans. Research published a decade ago found that scientists consider the terms "global warming" and "climate change" to mean different things, while most lay people use them interchangeably. This research showed that Republicans are less likely to believe that "global warming is real" but more likely to believe that "climate change is real."

Democrats are more likely to take action against climate change than Republicans, but Democrats themselves are more likely to act against "global warming" than "climate change" — the opposite effect among Republicans.

Words have massive power, how we use them is the key. Research has found that highlighting losses is better at promoting behaviours than highlighting gains

The power of words

Whether one is conservative or liberal, research has found that highlighting losses is better at promoting behaviours than highlighting gains. For example, indicating the harms to humans, animals and the environment from not acting is more effective than indicating the benefits from acting. Other research has also found that using pie charts to communicate statistics and figures is better at promoting comprehension than writing those figures down in text form.

What does this all mean? The way we communicate the effects of climate change needs to be considered. How we communicate — and the language we use — are just as important as what we communicate.

People process the information they receive through their lens — a lens that is shaped by an individual as well as cultural histories, differences and expectations. To drive our message through to all these individuals of diverse perspectives, we need to ensure that the way we communicate is adapted to those recipients' histories, differences and expectations.

—The Conversation

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I had a baby a year ago, later than most of my friends whose kids are all around five or six now. My issue is, they're forever giving me "advice" on how to raise my daughter and on what I should and shouldn't be doing. It's incredibly annoying and makes me feel like a rubbish parent. It's as if they've got it all right and their kids are angels who slept through the night, never cried, were never fussy eaters and so on. I struggle sometimes and it doesn't help to feel like I'm doing everything wrong. I'd love your opinion.

COLEEN SAYS

Offering tips and sharing stories is what people with kids do: "When mine were that age, I'd do this..." They probably think they're being helpful and maybe there are a few things they're suggesting you can try. The rest of the time you can just nod and try to look interested! I was always getting words of wisdom from various friends and relatives, especially as I was young when I had my first son. But I'd just do what was right for me and my baby. There is no such thing as a perfect parent and there isn't a one-size-fits-all method because all kids are different. It's a learning curve for everyone and you will make mistakes at every age and every stage. My kids are grown up and I'm still learning. We can all look back and think: "Yeah, I probably would have done that differently." And it takes the pressure off to know that. —Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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Fats not only expand your waistline but also shrink your brain

An international study led by neuroscientists at the University of South Australia established a link between mice fed a high-fat diet for 30 weeks, resulting in diabetes, and deterioration in their cognitive abilities, including developing anxiety, depression and worsening Alzheimer's disease.

Mice with impaired cognitive function were also more likely to gain excessive weight due to poor metabolism caused by brain

changes.

The findings, published in the journal *Metabolic Brain Disease*, add to the growing body of evidence linking chronic obesity with Alzheimer's disease, predicted to reach 100 million cases by 2050.

In the study, mice were randomly allocated to a standard diet or a high-fat diet for 30 weeks, starting at eight weeks of age.

The mice on the high-fat diet gained a lot of weight, developed

insulin resistance and started behaving abnormally compared to those fed a standard diet.

Genetically modified Alzheimer's disease mice showed a significant deterioration of cognition and pathological changes in the brain while fed the high-fat diet.

"Obese individuals have about a 55 per cent increased risk of developing depression, and diabetes will double that risk. Our findings underline the importance



of addressing the global obesity epidemic," said Larisa Bobrovskaya, Associate Professor from the varsity. —IANS



The transformer

Kangana gives credit for her look as Indira Gandhi in upcoming film to make-up artist David Malinowski

Kangana Ranaut left everyone spell-bound with her stunning physical transformation as Indira Gandhi for her upcoming film, 'Emergency'. The teaser and first look poster of the film were unveiled on July 14.

In an interview with a news portal, Kangana credited Oscar-winning make-up artist David Malinowski for her look. According to her, David and his team are astute professionals. She revealed that an entire team flew down from London. They had a series of

meetings to ascertain the final look and did a bunch of look tests. David took the calls on how to go about it. In fact, he even pointed out that Kangana physically resembles Mrs Gandhi a lot, including the skin texture and jawline. The actress also told him that in India, people believe that she is the perfect person to play Mrs Gandhi.

Apart from headlining the project, Kangana will also be taking over the directorial reins of the film. Talking about the response the teaser and her look have been receiving, she said that it has been marvelous so far. The actress revealed that she had been waiting to do a solo directorial project and it is finally happening.

Kangana was last seen in 'Dhaakad' co-starring Arjun Rampal and Divya Dutta in key roles. It received mixed reviews and failed to attract the audience to the theatres.

Response to the teaser has been marvelous. I had been waiting to do a solo directorial project and it is finally happening
— Kangana Ranaut



No ring, no knot: Sushmita is just surrounded by love



Actress Sushmita Sen has finally reacted after businessman Lalit Modi made their relationship official on July 14. On

Friday evening, she took to Instagram and shared a happy picture with her daughters, Alisah and Renee. Along with the picture, she penned

wrote, "I am in a happy place!!!NOT MARRIED...NO RINGS... Unconditionally surrounded by love!! Enough clarification given...now back to life & work!! Thank you for sharing in my happiness always...and for those who don't...it's #NOYB Anyway!!! I love you guys!!! #dugga-dugga #yourstruly." Have a look:

Soon after she shared the post, her fans were seen showering her with love. One of the fans wrote, "Liking this #noyb tag. Sending love #dugga-dugga." Another fan wrote, "More happiness to you and your world!" Others were seen dropping heart emojis.

Earlier, Lalit Modi took to social media and wrote, "Just back in London after a whirling global tour #maldives #sardinia with the families - not to mention my #betterhalf @sushmitasen47 - a new beginning a new life finally. Over the moon." He further clarified that they are not married yet but it will happen soon. He wrote, "Just for clarity. Not married - just dating each other. That too it will happen one day."

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'I lost my family, their love to be an actress'

Mallika Sherawat has been a globe trotter and trend setter right through her 19-year career. While promoting her latest film RK/RKay, the actress recalled her personal losses.

A career in the movie's extracted an emotional collateral from Mallika. She revealed, "I lost my family when I came to Bombay to be an actress. I lost their support. I lost their love. I have really experienced a loss." When she decided to pursue a career in Hollywood, there was more collateral to pay. Mallika added, "When I moved to LA, I lost a few precious friendships that I had in India, because when you are so out of touch, you kind of tend to lose them. So yeah, I have experienced a loss like that."

Despite the heavy toll,

Mallika felt that the decision of moving away from India and Bollywood to pursue an international career was worth the effort. She said, "After having worked in Bollywood for 5-7 years, I thought the time was right to explore other horizons and different cultures. Faced with that situation, I told myself, why not. What have I got to lose? I have made enough name for myself in India. I've got money. I've got fame. Let's try to go to a new country. And boy, was it a good decision!" She felt that America showed her immense love. She added, "I met with President Barack Obama, twice. I did a music video with Bruno Mars. I did an independent film called 'Politics of Love'. It was really fruitful."



JYOTHY KRISHNA'S INSTAGRAM



A portrait of true love

Singer KK's wife Jyothy Krishna has shared a beautiful painting on Instagram. She has posted for the first time after the untimely demise of her husband. Jyothy is a painter by profession and she has shared a painting that she made featuring her and KK.

KK passed away in Kolkata after performing at a college festival on May 31. After feeling unwell, he was rushed to a nearby hospital, but the doctors declared

him brought dead.

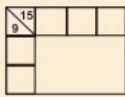
Jyothy took to her Instagram handle and wrote, "Trying to paint again, Miss you sweetheart." Soon after she shared the heartfelt post, their daughter Taamara commented, "Love it momm." Even the fans were seen dropping emotional comments. One of the fans wrote, "We miss him too." Another fan wrote, "The painting says it all...Very beautiful."

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A man riding a cycle at 12 km/hr can reach a destination in 9/2 hours. If he is delayed by 3/2 hours at the start, then in order to reach his destination in time, he should ride with a speed of?

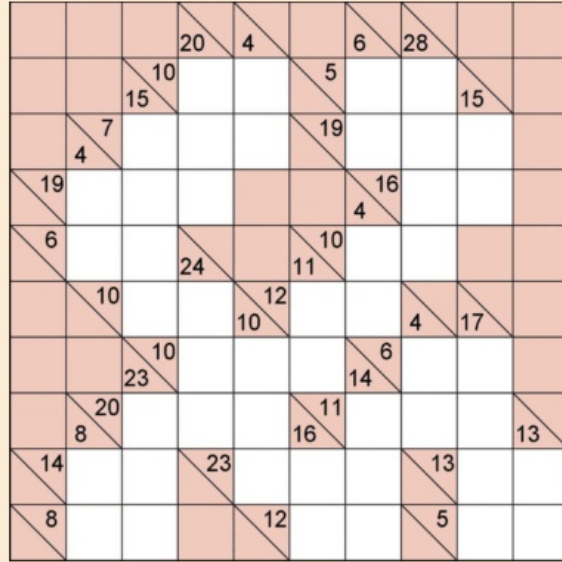
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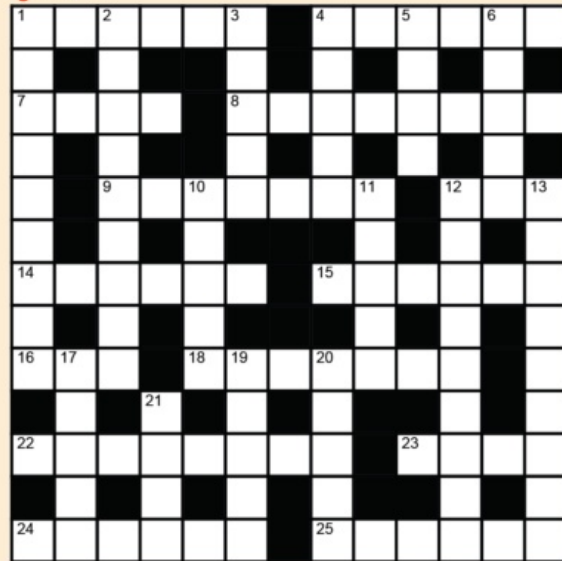


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Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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ACROSS

- 1 Conviction (6)
- 4 Altitude (6)
- 7 Asian language (4)
- 8 Red wine (8)
- 9 Sure (7)
- 12 A bundle of notes, perhaps? (3)
- 14 Consisting of flowers (6)
- 15 Evades or eludes (6)
- 16 L in L.A. the famous city? (3)
- 18 Cellphones (7)
- 22 Gloomy (8)
- 23 Native Celt (4)
- 24 One's forte (6)
- 25 Shouted (6)

DOWN

- 1 In copious abundance? (9)
- 2 Ridiculous (9)
- 3 Gem face (5)
- 4 City in North Karnataka (5)
- 5 Concerning, in legal terms—"rein" anagram? (2,2)
- 6 Dog-like carnivore (5)
- 10 Kingdom (5)
- 11 Long fictional narrative (5)
- 12 Capricious, fantastic or peculiar (9)
- 13 Broke up, separated forcibly (9)
- 17 Form of oxygen (5)
- 19 Make a bid? (5)
- 20 Embed (5)
- 21 I ran anagram for a man's pet name? (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Y EQUALS P
K PIC IE YVIVPV PJHV ZRID. J
EJRN JC CI QV KR GRRVMVZZ-
KBF EBVVUJRX IE DKCVB.



Linemaro

Your eyes are as blue as window cleaner



Mindchow

"Silent" and "listen" are spelled with the same letters



Joke of the day

Error, no keyboard - press F1 to continue

Loop

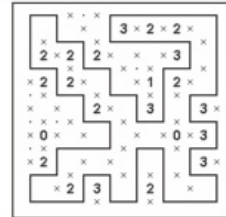
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

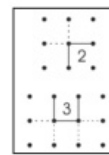
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

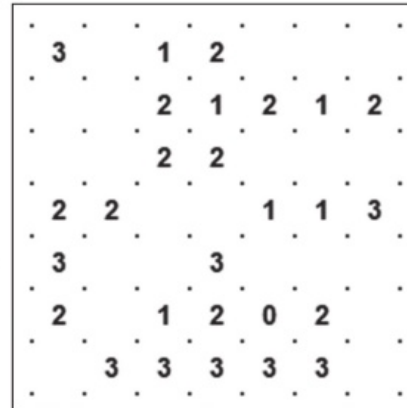
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



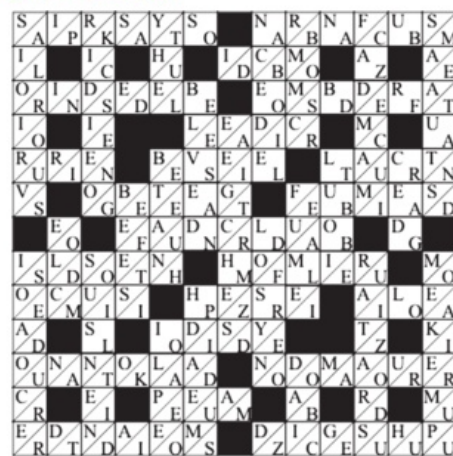
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



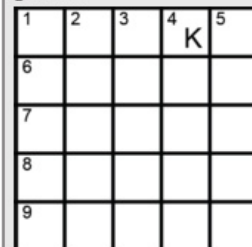
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



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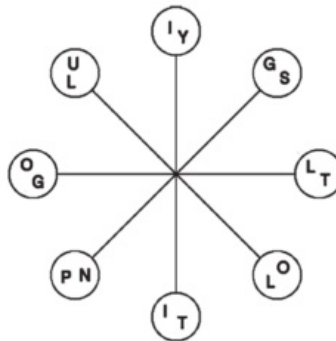
- 1 Peaks; 6 Macho;
- 7 Arhat; 8 Tokes;
- 9 Id hoy

DOWN

- 1 Shams; 2 TY pot;
- 3 A coho; 4 Ha Kik;
- 5 A deer

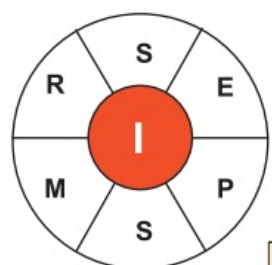
Mensapuzzle

Work clockwise round the circles to spell out two eight-letter words that are synonyms. Each word commences in a different circle, and you must find the starting point of each. Every letter is used once each and all letters are consecutive.



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.



11 Average; 13 Good; 15 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 24

1 3 5 6

Medium

□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 9

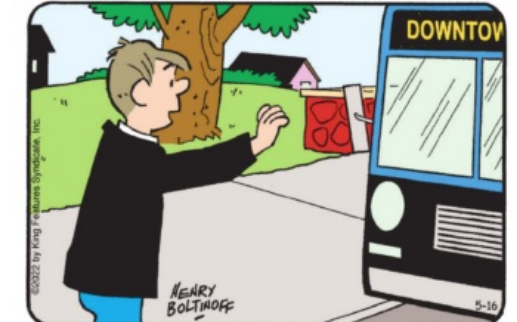
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Hard

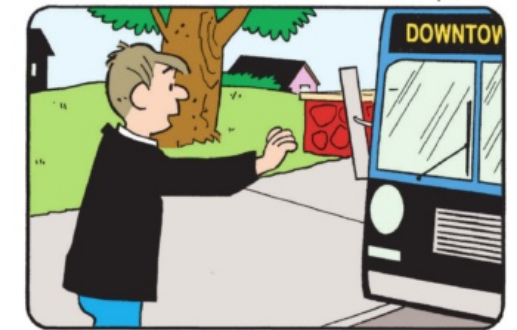
□ □ □ □ □ □ □ □ = 2

3 9 9 5

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Mirror is longer. 2. Arm is lower. 3. Nose is different. 4. Windshield shape is different. 5. Windshield wiper is added. 6. Bush is missing.

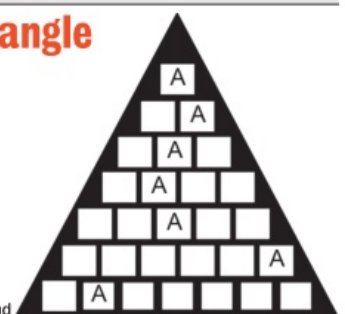
Riddler

Starting with A, add a letter and shuffle to make a new word each time and continue until you reach BATHED

Alpha triangle

- 1 1st letter
- 2 Bye!
- 3 Hair piece
- 4 Put a value to
- 5 Enraged
- 6 Eye part
- 7 Jauntier

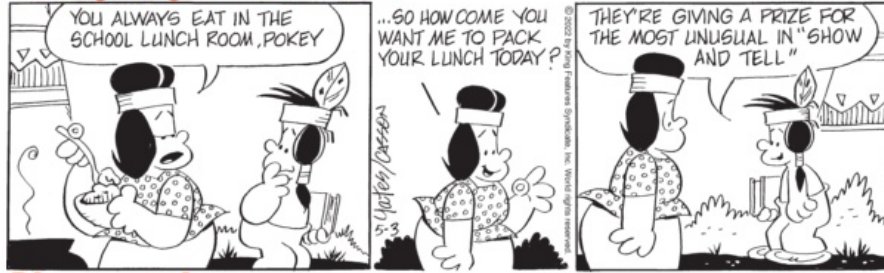
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



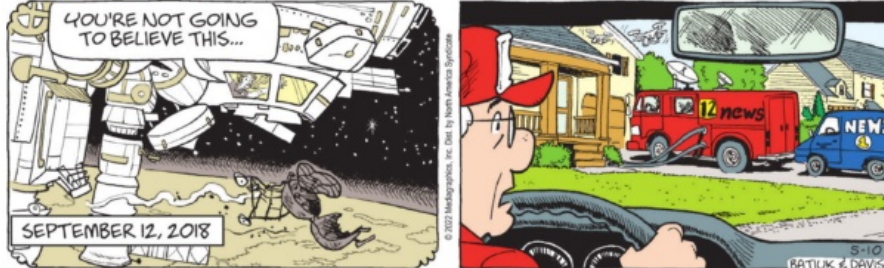
Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today you may be busy at work. With the help of your network, you may be able to implement your plans successfully. Your wisdom may help you profit from past investments. You may enjoy romantic moments with your spouse, which will increase harmony in your domestic life. Lovebirds will enjoy happy moments.

Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

You are advised to control your straightforwardness today. Your way of talking may affect people around you. You could spend your hard-earned money on buying some worthless items. Your mind is likely to work very fast. It is advised to make important decisions with patience.

Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today you may be more enthusiastic. Your performance at work may be good and can boost your equation with seniors. You are likely to get some new responsibilities in terms of promotions. In legal matters, you may hear good news. Your opponents and hidden enemies will be under control.

Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

You may make decisions very fast today, helping you with day-to-day activities. You may also plan for higher studies to groom your career. Children could also keep you busy. Property-related disputes between siblings are likely to be resolved. You can also expect some work-related short trips.

Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today you may be able to complete difficult tasks very easily, which may boost your confidence. Your past investments may bring you good gains. You are advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics as it may waste precious time.

Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today your destiny may help you to get success easily. You are likely to visit some spiritual place to seek peace of mind. You may spend your time learning some intellectual or gain occult knowledge. Students will do better. Singles are likely to find a good match. Lovebirds can make some important decisions in terms of marriage.

Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today may not be the best day for you and you may feel unhappy or dissatisfied with a situation. You are advised to keep patience. Do not take any decision in a hurry. You are advised to take care of your parents.

Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

You may feel dull and have some health issues today. You are advised to postpone making investments in business. It is also advised not to start a new venture. You are likely to face losses in business, so be careful.

Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today you may feel dull. Health issues or old debts can make you upset. You might be a victim of self-criticism. You will feel guilty making silly mistakes. It is advised to avoid adventure tours and rash driving. Your stubbornness can create some issues in your personal life.

Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today you are blessed by the moon. Past disappointment should now convert to happiness. You may enjoy your professional and personal life. Your network may help you complete postponed projects. You are likely to start a new venture with the help of your siblings, and your network will support you in every step.

Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today you are blessed by the moon, which will make you happy. Last day's crunch is now over. You are likely to be rewarded for your hard work. With the help of your juniors, you may be able to initiate postponed tasks. Gains in your business could boost finances.

Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today you will be happy and peaceful. Your focus towards your goals will be very good. You are likely to have romantic moments with your spouse. Your bonding with your spouse may also be stronger now. You will be busy with domestic issues.

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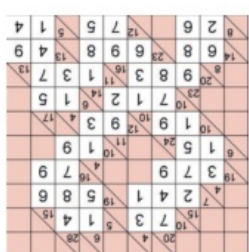
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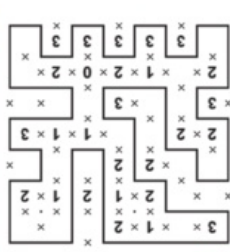
Adarsh Jain, 14 Years, Baldwin's Boys High School

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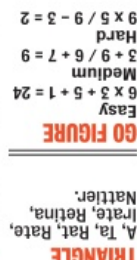
SOLUTIONS



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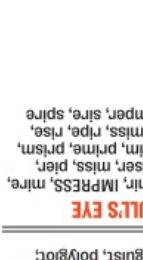
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ALPHA



SUDOKU



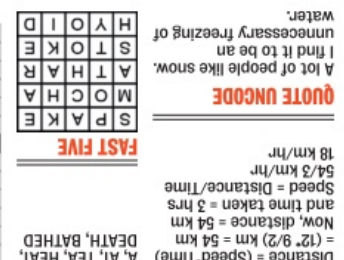
MENSAPUZZLE



QUICK



STRIKE OUT



AIDLER

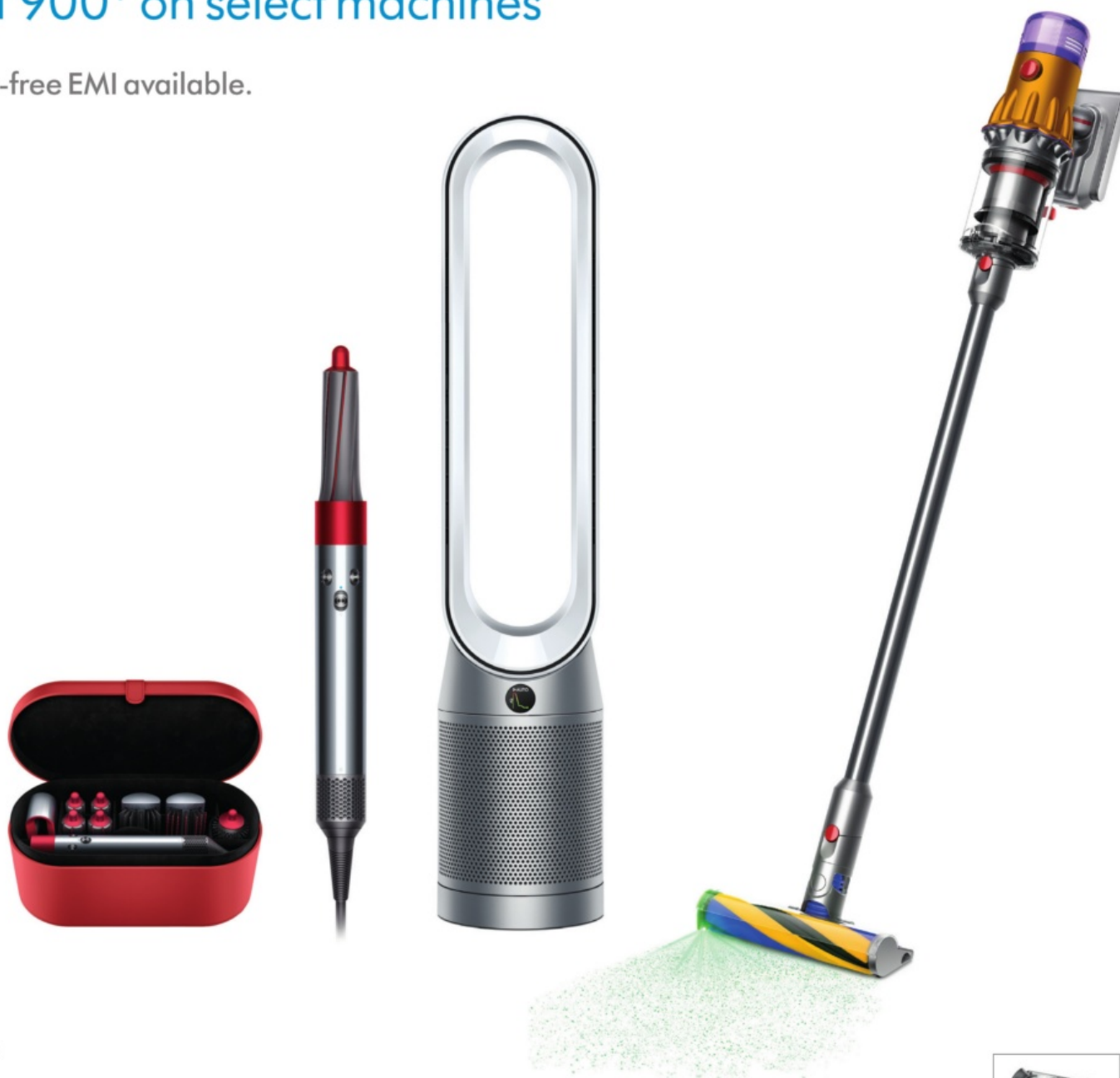


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